



Westview United Methodist Church **"Fire in the Rain"**

"Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors."

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The Good Views

From the Pastor

"O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever. Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, those he redeemed from trouble and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south. Some wandered in desert wastes, finding no way to an inhabited town; hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted within them. Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress; he led them by a straight way, until they reached an inhabited town."

The Bible records a long history of God delivering people from trials and troubles to safety and security. Our God is especially touched by the plight of the lost and disenfranchised of the world. It is God who stands by His people in the lonely dark moments of life after the hype has ended and our disaster is no longer big news. It is God's way to walk the entire lonely journey of recovery with hungry, thirsty, depressed, and forgotten people. If this is not real to you, consider the fact that often many more people die after surviving a disaster such as an earthquake because help does not reach them in time. They die from exposure, thirst, and eventually starvation and disease and worse still their deaths are hardly noted in the news. These are the terrified people of the world whose plight especially touches the heart of God and should touch the hearts of God's people. Through the United Methodist Committee on Relief we are working around the world in the aftermath of disasters and we are there for the long haul.

Furthermore, if a people are in trouble because they have wandered away from God and forgotten God's commandments, it is God's greatest desire to guide them back home. First, however, we must trust God and give God our Praise and Thanksgiving for many mercies and kindnesses. A good God demands that we do all the good we can do as instruments of God here on earth.

We are hosting the community Thanksgiving service at Westview on November 20th at 6:00 p.m. this year. We have a great opportunity to do good in our community on that occasion. We will take an offering for Graceworks and receive non-perishable food for the Second Harvest Food Bank located at First Baptist Church and serving our immediate community. If you come to the church at 5:00 p.m. you can rehearse with a community choir and take part in the special music planned for this service. I have invited Dr. Bill Sherman to preach on this occasion and I look forward to hearing this seasoned and wise Pastor share the Gospel. We will have a fellowship time and ask that you bring some food item to contribute. Members of the other churches will also be bringing food to make this a bountiful spread.

You will have one other important opportunity to do good in November when we take out annual World Hunger offering on Nov. 13-20th. One half of this offering comes back into our area to support food banks, meals on wheels programs and other agencies who feed the hungry in our area.

May you and your family have a happy and blessed Thanksgiving.



Our Church Calendar: Programs and Activities @ Westview



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Where you can ask any question
about the United Methodist Church

1-800-251-8140

8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Central Time
Toll-free in the U.S.

<http://infoserv.umc.org>

Weekly Meetings

Sundays

8:30 a.m. Southern Gospel Folk Worship Service
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 p.m. Worship Service
12-2 p.m. Youth Fellowship
2:00 p.m. Joyful Noyz Youth Praise band practice

2nd-5th Sunday

12-2 p.m. Children's Fellowship and 12 p.m. Children's Choir

Tuesdays

7:30 a.m. AA meeting

Wednesdays

3:30 p.m. Art Academy
5:30 p.m. Sprouts
6:30-8:00 p.m. Adult Choir practice
6:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study

Thursdays

7:30 p.m. AA meeting

November

October 30–November 6 Sunday, November 6	8: 30 & 10: 30 11: 30 am 2:00-4:00 pm	The Coat Tree provides winter coats for needy children. Consecration Sunday concludes our stewardship campaign. Rev. Herb Mather will be our guest preacher on this day. Consecration Sunday Celebration Dinner New Beginnings Widows and Widowers support group meeting.
Saturday, November 19 Sunday, November 20	6:00 pm 8:00-2:00 pm 8: 30 & 10: 30 5:00 p.m.	Adult Fellowship Planning Meeting Williamson County will be celebrating America Recycles Day World Hunger Offering Everyone's invited to rehearse with a community-wide choir to lead our music and sing some special music during the 6:00 p.m. Community Thanksgiving service.
Sunday, December 18	6:00 p.m. 8: 30 & 10: 30 7:00 p.m.	Please participate in our community-wide Thanksgiving worship service. Then plan on staying around for food and fellowship immediately afterward. We'd like everyone in our congregation to attend! During both morning worship services, we'll present our musical Christmas program featuring our Chancel Choir singing (and sharing some history of) "Christmas Songs from around the World." You'll also hear from our children's choirs, Joyful Noyz (youth praise band), and handbells during those services. Our children will present a traditional Christmas pageant. Please be sure to tell your friends!

Special Events & Hospitality Committee Corner

November 19, 2005 - Decorate the fellowship hall at 10:00 a.m. and prepare for the Thanksgiving Dinner and Auction. Dinner starts at 6:00.

November 20, 2005 – 6:00 p.m. - Host refreshments for the community after the community worship service at Westview UMC.

November 22, 2005 - Preparation for the Hanging of the Greens ceremony on November 27th. Our committee will help decorate the sanctuary and outside the church. Committee members are asked to the Church at 4:30 and bring a finger food.

December 11, 2005 - Host our third annual "Cookie Swap" at 2:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall.

Please call Traci Bloodworth if you have ideas or questions. Home 799-9169 Email:

tjbloodworth@myibocs.com

November Birthdays and Anniversaries

1 Kerry Green, Gerry Stark
 3 Gretel Fischer, Austin Bronstad
[Chris & Teresa Raines Anniversary](#)
 4 Traci Bloodworth, Luke Growden
 6 Dakota Brison, Amber Hess
 7 Mel Romine
 8 Sherry Glasgow, Andrew Thornhill
 10 Josiah Wedgewood
 11 Carl Walker, Randall Mangrum, Gayle Cates, Ryan Lampley
 12 [Roger & Susan Gulley Anniversary](#)
 13 [Baxter & Debbie Rainey Anniversary](#)
 14 Lauren Tenney
 15 Kyle Growden
[David & Angela Clark Anniversary](#)
 16 [W.T. & Cleola Mangrum Anniversary](#)
 18 Karen Saunders
[Ken & Becky Hess Anniversary](#)
 19 Jim Tenney, Dawn Green
 20 Dewey Kephart
 22 Winnie Jennings
 25 Linda Anderson
 26 Mike Carroll, Austin Daugherty
[Dale & Winnie Jennings Anniversary](#)
 27 Shaun Landers, Tommy Scales
 28 Jeff Landers



Remember Our Military Friends Protecting our Country

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Community-Wide Thanksgiving Day Feast!

Everyone in Fairview and the surrounding communities are invited to celebrate Thanksgiving Day with us. On Thursday, November 24, the youth ministry of Westview United Methodist Church will serve a delicious, home-cooked, full-course dinner.

You can eat all you want, and we'll do all of the work! Allow us to do all of the cooking, provide you with restaurant-quality service, and do all of the cleanup! You can just come and eat until you're full while enjoying the fellowship of your friends and neighbors.

Please pre-purchase your tickets from the church office (799-0250), any WUMC staff member, or any youth representative at \$6 each (or you can reserve a table of 8 for \$40, saving you \$8), and select the 11:00 a.m., noon, or 1:00 p.m. seating times. Childcare is available for kids 3 years old and younger (no ticket necessary, but RSVP so we have enough workers). \$7.50 tickets are available at the door upon seating availability, but we strongly recommend pre-purchasing tickets.

**Though our youth ministry is hosting this dinner partially to raise funds for our mission trips, we also want to be of service to our community. So please let us know if you or someone you know can't afford the ticket price, and we will find a way to make sure they can attend. We will also deliver hot meals to those who can't easily leave their homes between 4:00 and 5:00 p.m. Please let Christine or Will Penner (youthpastors@bellsouth.net or 799-2125) know if you either know of a need or can help defray some costs of those deliveries.

Youth Specialties E-Mail Newsletter #207 October 17, 2005

WHAT'S BEWITCHING TODAY'S TEENS?

Steve Russo, co-host of Focus on the Family's teen talk show "Life on the Edge--Live!" gives teens and parents the hard facts about Wicca—a popular pagan religion—and helps them recognize its increasing presence in pop culture.

"What's the Deal With Wicca?" (for teens)

BUY NOW at www.bethanyhouse.com/whatsthedealwithwicca

"Protecting Your Teen from Today's Witchcraft" (for parents)

BUY NOW at www.bethanyhouse.com/todayswitchcraft

EXPERIENCE THE "SHOWDOWN"

It begins on a lazy summer day in a small, secluded mountain town named Paradise. But in Paradise nothing is as it seems.

As dark clouds and sandstorms shut Paradise off from the rest of the world, the unthinkable happens. Readers will be shocked as they discover the true secrets of this sleepy town. The ultimate collision between good and evil begins January 2006... with "Showdown."

<http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/1595540059/thomasnelsoni-20>

SOMETHING FOR YOUR HEART

"I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete."

-John 15:11

Just between you & God: Ever play in the rain? Think of that joyful abandonment for the moment and talk to God. Ask for that joy. Forget that others might look or what they might say. Ask for joy.

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Consecration Sunday Is Coming on November 6th

Congregations that approach financial stewardship from a biblical perspective do not view the money Christians give to their church merely as a way to pay its bills. Rather, such congregations see financial contributions as a way to help people grow spiritually in their relationship with God by supporting their church's mission and ministry with a percentage of their incomes.

Our congregation's stewardship committee has selected the *New Consecration Sunday Stewardship Program* as a way to teach the biblical and spiritual principles of generous giving in our stewardship education emphasis this year.

New Consecration Sunday is based on the biblical philosophy of the need of the giver to give for his or her own spiritual development, rather than on the need of the church to receive. Instead of treating people like members of a social club who should pay dues, we will treat people like followers of Jesus Christ who want to give unselfishly as an act of discipleship. *New Consecration Sunday* encourages people toward proportionate and systematic giving in response to the question, "What percentage of my income is God calling me to give?" During morning worship on Consecration Sunday, we are asking our attendees and members to make their financial commitments to our church's missionary, benevolent, and educational ministries in this community and around the world.

Every attendee and member who completes an *Estimate of Giving Card* does so voluntarily by attending morning worship on Consecration Sunday. We urge people to attend who feel strongly opposed to completing a card. The procedure is done in such a way that no one feels personal embarrassment if he or she chooses not to fill out a card.

We will do no home solicitation to ask people to complete cards. During morning worship there will be a brief period of instruction and inspiration, climaxed by members making their commitments as a confidential act of worship.

We will encourage participation in Consecration Sunday events through the Worship & Stewardship committee and Administrative Council members. Since we will make no follow-up visits to ask people to complete their cards, we will make every effort to inform, inspire, and commit everyone to attend Consecration Sunday worship. Thanks in advance for your enthusiastic participation in Consecration Sunday events. -Rene Job, Stewardship Committee Chairperson, Rev. Gary Wedgewood, Pastor

SHRED DAY November 19, 2005 8 a.m. until 2 p.m.

Hosted by Williamson Recycles/Keep Williamson Beautiful Clean Earth Recycling
LOCATION: 420 Century Court, off Columbia Ave. in Franklin, TN 37064

This is a free shredding service from Clean Earth Recycling, Keep Williamson Beautiful and Williamson Recycles of personal documents that could be used to identify a thief: Canceled Checks, IRS Forms, Investment Statements (mutual funds, IRA's, Stocks, etc.), Pay Checks Stubs

Please bring your documents in paper bags or cardboard boxes that can be recycled. The large shredders at the recycle facility will shred your important documents and recycle all of the resulting materials. Please help speed the process by bringing your paper unbound, no larger than one inch thick, and remove heavy clips/clamps. Paper clips and staples are acceptable.

As part of America Recycles Day celebration Keep Williamson Beautiful is asking participants to bring non perishable can goods from their kitchen cabinets to help stock the pantry of Graceworks. Graceworks is a nonprofit ministry funded primarily by Williamson County churches, individuals, businesses, civic groups and the Graceworks Thrift Store. www.keepwilliamsonbeautiful.org

The Coat Tree Is Up

Please do the following:

1. Select a tag(s) from the tree and look on the back for a number.
2. Locate the number(s) you chose on the clipboard and write your name next to them.
3. Purchase new coats only.
4. Return the coat(s) with the tag attached to each coat between Sunday, Oct. 30 and Sunday, Nov. 6, 2005. Please have the coat(s) at the church no later than Sunday, Nov. 6 so that we have time to prepare them for delivery.

Thank you,
Jim and Jeannie Handy
The Outreach Committee

A "Note" from your Minister of Music

What a blast we're having in the Chancel Choir! Oh, we're trying to sing on pitch and everything, but do you know what our primary purpose is? To simply "Make a joyful noise to the Lord" (Psalm 98:4). No one needs any special training or skills in order to do that. Now is the time to become involved! Chancel Choir practice is open to everyone; we meet from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Wednesday evenings; and childcare is provided. Come see what all of the buzz is about!

Blessings, Will Penner

We Shouldn't Lose Heart, Because God Is At Work In Our Lives, Even In The Midst Of Pain And Suffering

Remember, next time your little hut is burning to the ground -- it just may be a smoke signal that summons the grace of God.

For all the negative things we have to say to ourselves, God has a positive answer for it.

You say: "It's impossible"

God says: All things are possible (Luke 18:27)

You say: "I'm too tired"

God says: I will give you rest (Matt 11:28-20)

You say: "Nobody really loves me"

God says: I love you (John 3:16 & John 13:34)

You say: "I can't go on"

God says: My grace is sufficient (II Cor.12:9 & Psalm 91:15)

You say: "I can't figure things out"

God says: I will direct your steps (Proverbs 3:5-6)

You say: "I can't do it"

God says: You can do all things (Phil 4:13)

You say: "I'm not able"

God says: I am able (II Cor.9:8)

You say: "It's not worth it"

God says: It will be worth it (Romans 8:28)

You say: "I can't forgive myself"

God says: I forgive you (I John 1:9 & Romans 8:1)

You say: "I can't manage."

God says: I will supply all your needs (Phil 4:19)

You say: "I'm afraid"

God says: I have not given you a spirit of fear (II Tim. 1:7)

You say: "I'm always worried and frustrated"

God says: Cast all your cares on ME (I Peter 5:7)

You say: "I don't have enough faith"

God says: I've given everyone a measure of faith (Romans 12:3)

You say: "I'm not smart enough"

God says: I give you wisdom (I Cor 1:30)

You say: "I feel all alone"

God says: I will never leave you or forsake you (Heb. 13:5)



Consecration Sunday Celebration Dinner Reservation

I will be present for the Celebration Dinner at
11:45 a.m. on Sunday, November 6th.

YES _____ NO _____

The number of persons attending from my family will be:
_____ Adults _____ Children (12 and under)

Name _____

Phone _____

“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.” Matthew 22:37-40

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

- I. Thou shalt have no other gods before me.
- II. Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image.
- III. Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain.
- IV. Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy.
- V. Honour thy father and thy mother.
- VI. Thou shalt not kill.
- VII. Thou shalt not commit adultery.
- VIII. Thou shalt not steal.
- IX. Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.
- X. Thou shalt not covet any thing that is thy neighbour's.

A local version of the Ten Commandments

- (1) Just one God.
 - (2) Put nothin' before God.
 - (3) Watch yer mouth.
 - (4) Git yourself to Church.
 - (5) Honor yer Ma & Pa.
 - (6) No killin.'
 - (7) No foolin' around.
 - (8) Don't take what ain't yers.
 - (9) No telling rumors or gossipin.'
 - (10) Leave yer buddy's stuff alone.
- Revised by Rev. Gary Wedgewood and based on the Ten Commandments, Cowboy Style

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- Gary Wedgewood, Pastor
- Rev. Loyd Mabry, Columbia District Superintendent
- Bishop Dick Wills, Tennessee Conference

Sunday Activities

- 8:30 AM Southern Folk Worship
- 9:30 AM Sunday School
- 10:30 AM Worship
- 12-2:00 PM Youth & Children's Fellowships & Children's Choir
- 2:00 PM Joyful Noyz Youth Praise Band

Wednesday Activities

- 6:30 PM Chancel Choir Practice